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SUBJ: COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM--BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER

REF: STATE 170158

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT STATE AND COMMERCE HAVE APPROVED FY 1975 COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM FOR THE PHILIPPINES. WE NOW WISH TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PROGRAM UNDER APPROVED CCP, SPECIFICALLY SECTION IV-E ON ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER.

2. BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER IS PART OF EMBASSY'S INTEGRATION OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS AND IS BASED ON RECOGNIZED NEED TO BETTER SERVICE INTERESTS OF STEADILY INCREASING NUMBER OF U.S. AND FILIPINO VISITORS. IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CENTER, WE WILL HAVE TO REVAMP MAJOR PORTION OF CHANCERY SO AS TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR CENTER, RELOCATION OF COMMERCIAL LIBRARY, AND REGROUPING OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL IN ONE CONTIGUOUS AREA. WE PLAN TO PLACE CENTER AND COMMERCIAL LIBRARY IN 1,602 SQUARE FEET AREA ADJACENT TO EMBASSY BALLROOM WHICH WILL ENABLE USE OF COMBINED SPACE FOR LARGER EXHIBITS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS. THIS PLAN INVOLVES MOVING HISTORICAL AND POST REFERENCE LIBRARIES AND MOST OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SECTION. FIRST TWO MOVES (LIBRARIES) ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED FOLLOWING DISCUSSION LAST JUNE BY TELEPHONE BETWEEN KRAUSE AND

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3. PLAN DOES NOT ENTAIL STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF TYPE
REQUIRING FBO APPROVAL.

4. WE HAVE ARRIVED AT TENTATIVE ESTIMATE OF \$18,261 TO
COVER ALL COSTS INVOLVED IN RELOCATION, REBUILDING AND
REFURBISHING THE ENTIRE CONTIGUOUS AREA PIVOTING AROUND
BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER. BREAKDOWN OF ESTIMATES IS
AS FOLLOWS:

CONSTRUCTION

OFFICES	\$ 4,836
RELOCATION	\$ 1,419
BUSINESS CENTER AND	
COMMERCIAL LIBRARY	3,960
CARPETING	3,806
1AL PHONE SYSTEM	1,800
FURNITURE (CENTER ONLY)	2,440

TOTAL	\$18,261
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5. ESTIMATES FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS WERE MADE IN HOUSE
AND HENCE MAY REQUIRE SUBSEQUENT REVISION AFTER OBTAINING
CONTRACTOR BIDS. WE ARE POUCHING SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF
BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER TO COMMERCE. TO PROCEED FURTHER,
E.G. SAYS DESIGNS, WE NEED COMMERCE DECISION ON AVAILABILITY OF
FUNDS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE THEREFORE REQUEST COMMERCE
APPROVAL AND FUNDING WITH A VIEW TO IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION
THIS PROJECT.
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